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CHAIR OF CLINICAL MEDICINE
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LETTER OF APPLICATION

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*TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT
OF GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.*

MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg leave to make application for the Chair of Clinical Medicine in Glasgow University, vacant by the transference of Professor M'Call Anderson to the Chair of Practice of Medicine.

I am fifty-two years of age and a Graduate of Glasgow University of twenty-eight years' standing, having taken the degree of M.B. [with honours] in 1872, advancing to that of M.D. in 1880.

For twelve months after my graduation I acted as "Resident Assistant" to Sir Wm. Gairdner in the Royal Infirmary, and during the three succeeding years I was Resident Physician in the Glasgow Fever Hospital under Dr. J. B. Russell, at that time Medical Officer of Health for the City. During the Session 1873-74, I served as Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy in Glasgow University under the late Professor Allen Thomson.

In 1874 Sir William Gairdner appointed me his Assistant in connection with the Chair of Practice of Medicine in the University, and I discharged the duties of this office for eight years, conducting in each Session the Tutorial Classes, and on many occasions discharging the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Professor.

From 1876 till 1880 I also acted as Clinical Assistant to Sir Wm. Gairdner in the Western Infirmary, conducting the Demonstrations in connection with the courses of Clinical Medicine.

For eleven years [1876 to 1887] I served on the Dispensary Staff of the Western Infirmary, at first as Assistant Physician and latterly as Physician; and during a considerable portion of this time I did annual duty in the Wards in the absence of the Visiting Physicians.

In 1887 I was elected Physician to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, where during the succeeding five years I conducted Classes on Clinical Medicine during both the Winter and Summer Sessions.

In 1892 I was appointed Physician to the Western Infirmary of Glasgow, a position which I still hold; and during these years I have given much time and attention to the teaching of Clinical Medicine.

Since 1884 I have served as Physician to the Glasgow Royal Hospital for Sick Children, and have during the whole of that period given Clinical Instruction on Diseases of Children, chiefly to Students of Glasgow University.

In 1880 I was appointed to the Chair of Practice of Medicine in Anderson's College Medical School, a post which I still occupy.

It will thus be seen that during nearly the whole of my professional career I have been intimately associated with the teaching of Medicine, especially in its clinical aspect; and I have sought to keep myself abreast of all its latest developments by observation of Hospital practice and teaching both at home and abroad, and by diligent perusal of the current literature on the subject in the chief European languages.

Should you do me the honour of appointing me to the Chair, I shall endeavour to my utmost to sustain its reputation and further the interests of Glasgow University.

I append a list of contributions I have made to the subject of clinical medicine.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

SAMSON GEMMELL.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLINICAL MEDICINE
BY SAMSON GEMMELL, M.D.

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The following sections in Finlayson's *Clinical Manual for the Study of Medical Cases* [second edition, 1886]:

Chapter XVI. By Samson Gemmell, M.D.

Part I. Physical examination of the lungs.

„ II. Physical examination of the heart, with a section on the sphygmograph and cardiograph.

„ III. Physical examination of the abdomen.



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